

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. The Examiner alleges that the application contains inventions or groups of inventions that are distinct, and on that basis, the Examiner requires restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1-13, drawn to a method of forming a catheter tip;

Group II: claims 14-24, drawn to a catheter having a low profile, short, tapered tip; or

Group III: claim 25, drawn to a method for cannulating a catheter.

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group II, claims 14-24, drawn to a catheter having a low profile, short, tapered tip. Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of the non-elected method claims 1-13 and 25 in the event that the elected product claims are deemed allowable under MPEP § 821.04. In the alternative, Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected groups of inventions.

Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative directly at (212) 969-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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